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Ms. Marlene A. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: E.T. Docket No. 18-295, GN Docket No. 17-183
Unlicensed Use of the 6 GHz Band
Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

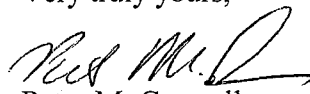
I am filing this letter on behalf of United States Cellular Corporation (“USCC”). USCC wishes to support the proposals concerning Automated Frequency Coordination (“AFC”) made in the above referenced dockets by AT&T Services, Inc., Comsearch and Verizon (“Joint Filers”) in their April 22, 2019 Ex Parte letter.

As discussed in prior filings in this proceeding, USCC makes extensive use of both the 5.925-6.425 GHz and 6.425-7.125 GHz bands for the microwave systems which interconnect its base stations and connect its base stations to its core network. These fixed service facilities are essential to the continuing viability of USCC’s mobile network, which provides service to over five million customers, predominantly located in rural and suburban areas. Accordingly, USCC has urged the Commission to proceed with great caution in allowing new, potentially interfering usages in the 6 GHz band.

USCC has carefully evaluated the AFC proposals made by the Joint Filers and has concluded that they offer the most promising approach to protecting 6 GHz incumbent usages while permitting new RLAN deployments which has been submitted in this proceeding. USCC understands that the Joint Filer proposals are “introductory” and will be improved and expanded upon. But USCC strongly endorses those proposals and applauds the efforts of the Joint Filers.

In the event there are questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,


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